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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.

1. FONOFF CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AMBASSADOR VALDIVIESO ASKED ME TO CALL OCTOBER 28 TO RECEIVE AND CONVEY TO WASHINGTON GOP ORAL REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR CARLOS GARCIA BEDOYA ZAPATA, PRESENTLY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. (AS DEPARTMENT AWARE- LIMA 285 - GOP MAKES ORAL RATHER THAN WRITTEN REQUESTS CONCERNING AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATIONS. RECEIVING GOVERNMENT CAN REPLY ORALLY OR IN WRITING, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH THIS EMBASSY TO CONVEY RESPONSE TO FONOFF SINCE VALDIVIESO REPLIED TO MY QUESTION THAT GOP EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS ONLY BEING INFORMED OF REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT, NOT INSTRUCTED TO TAKE ACTION.)

2. I BELIEVE GARCIA BEDOYA IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE, AND HOPE WASHINGTON WILL SHORTLY INSTRUCT ME TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO GOP REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT. GARCIA BEDOYA HAS BEEN SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE 1970 AND THROUGH-OUT MY TIME IN LIMA I HAVE RELIED ON HIS DISCRETION AND TACT IN DEALING WITH ONE DIFFICULT PROBLEM AFTER ANOTHER IN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE IS A STAUNCH ADVOCATE OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S NATIONALISTIC AND "THIRD WORLD" FOREIGN POLICY, BUT HE IS ONE OF THE MORE THOUGHTFUL GOP REPRESENTATIVES WHEN IT COMES TO ANALYZING THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES, CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., OR ONE REVOLU-

TIONARY FORAY OR ANOTHER. MY PREDECESSOR'S HIGH REGARD FOR GARCIA BEDOYA IS REFLECTED IN THE LIMA BIOGRAPHIC DATA REPORT OF AUGUST 31, 1972. (CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HEARD GARCIA BEDOYA USE ADEQUATE, IF NOT FLUENT, ENGLISH.) GARCIA BEDOYA IS WELL-KNOWN TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, AND TO AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD AMONG OTHER OFFICERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OAS GATHERINGS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

3. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA AS SUPPLIED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY:

BORN IN LIMA APRIL 30, 1925. STUDIED AT SAN AUGUSTINE SCHOOL AND SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY, LIMA. HAS A B.A. IN LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, IS A LAWYER, CAREER DIPLOMAT, "LICENCIADO" IN HISTORY. HAS STUDIED LITERATURE AND HISTORY IN MADRID AND POLITICAL SCIENCE IN PARIS.

4. AS REGARDS ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, GARCIA BEDOYA HAS TAUGHT INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL AND THE AIR WAR ACADEMY, RESPECTIVELY. HE HAS TAUGHT A COURSE ON THE THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE PERUVIAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY. HE IS A MEMBER OF VARIOUS PERUVIAN AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED WITH THE STUDY OF LAW. MEMBER OF THE LIMA COLLEGE OF LAWYERS. MEMBER OF THE PERUVIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. MEMBER OF THE HISPANO-LUSO-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. PERUVIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE "UNION INTERNACIONAL DES AVOCATS". MEMBER OF THE "INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION". AUTHOR OF PUBLICATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL, JURIDICAL, HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL THEMES.

5. AS TO PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, GARCIA BEDOYA HAS THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN THE PERUVIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HE HAS BEEN A DELEGATE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND HAS PRESIDED AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. AMONG OTHER RECENT INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, HE WAS PERUVIAN DELEGATE TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA (CECLA) HELD IN VINA DEL MAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO THE EXPERTS GROUP IN MONTEVIDEO ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, MEMBER OF THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO RECENT SESSIONS OF THE UNGA, CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION TO THE SPECIAL OAS MEETING IN SAN JOSE

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MEMBER OF THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, CHAIRMAN OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF CECLA, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PERU TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE OAS TO CONSIDER THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION TO LEAVE STATES FREE TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH CUBA, SPECIAL ENVOY OF PERU TO THE MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PERUVIAN

DELEGATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND PROPOSED MEASURES FOR ITS RESTRUCTURING.

6. GARCIA BEDOYA HAS BEEN DECORATED WITH THE GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER "EL SOL DEL PERU" AND HAS ALSO BEEN DECORATED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF GERMANY, ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, FRANCE, ITALY, MEXICO, AND VENEZUELA.

7. GARCIA BEDOYA IS MARRIED TO MARIA EUGENIA MAGUINA LARCO AND IS FATHER OF FOUR CHILDREN.
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